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Subject: Re: Scenarios to illustrate need for JAC

Great!

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse typos.

On Mar 11, 2018, at 2:50 PM, William L. Gibbons (wgibbons) <wgibbons@memphis.edu> wrote:

On dealing with the blowback (which is very limited), Mayor Luttrell is taking the lead, and you might want to talk to him. In fact, Amy, Judge Michael, Director Rallings and I have been asked NOT to take lead.)

Mayor Luttrell is convinced the votes are there on the County Commission to get the pilot phase funded (about \$650,000). He is moving ahead, but is also communicating with the skeptics.

Have you seen the one page summary we are using with legislators ? So far, it has been effective. At this point at least, there is no legislative opposition.

Bill

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On Mar 10, 2018, at 6:37 AM, Blair Taylor <btaylor@memphistomorrow.org> wrote:

These are great Amy!

I think though that it would be helpful for you guys (not meaning to put this all on you) to add a description of what would happen to them at the JAC and after. You could just do a single description— something that describes the step by step scenario so folks can picture exactly what happens at the JAC and who's involved/who's not involved. And then after they are referred to services is there a follow up by law enforcement or juvenile court? What happens with the summonses that would otherwise have been issued per the scenarios below.

Also I think it would be helpful to describe at least one scenario that makes it clear how delivery to JAC helps police. I'm thinking I've heard about scenarios where officers drive a kid to juvenile court and have to wait with them vs drop them off at a JAC.

Can we have a call to discuss where we are in dealing with the blowback?

To me the scenarios and the description of the JAC I've suggested above need to completely address the confusion and concern laid out in Tom Jones' article. His concerns were all about

what happens at the JAC and a suspicion that the MSCC crowd didn't understand how a JAC should be run effectively and appropriately.

Seems we need a short two page doc that describes all of the above in a narrative/scenario /case example format.

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On Mar 8, 2018, at 12:58 PM, Weirich, Amy <Amy.Weirich@scdag.com> wrote:

Blair

At your request, I asked our prosecutors in Juvenile court to send me specific cases where a JAC (if it existed) would have benefited the citizens of Shelby County.

Here they are.

1. Female juvenile caught shoplifting and issued a Juvenile Summons (piece of paper instructing Juv to appear in Juv Court at a later date). Twenty one (21) days later, she appears for conference with a probation officer. She explains she was stealing formula to feed her baby. The baby's father had beaten the juvenile, taken her money and her car. **With JAC**—this need could have been identified immediately and juvenile connected with needed services.
2. Police respond to a prowler call. Find juvenile in back yard in possession of wrench, screwdriver and gloves. He is issued a Juvenile Summons for Possession of Burglary Tools. Thirty (30) days later, juvenile charged with breaking into a neighbor's home. Nothing had been done by the courts in the intervening 30 days. **With JAC**—immediate assessment and rehabilitation plan and perhaps prevention of Agg Burglary.
3. A 15 year old is caught as a passenger in a stolen car. Three weeks later, a letter is sent to his last known address saying that stealing is wrong. Not known if letter is received. No follow up by court. Three (3) months later, same juvenile is caught prowling by police. Three (3) weeks later a letter is mailed by Juvenile court—no follow up. Six (6) months later another prowler call is made in the same area and the same juvenile is issued a juvenile summons. Six (6) weeks after that, juvenile court mails juvenile another letter asking him to stop misbehaving. Fast forward a few months, juvenile is now 16 years old and is caught driving a stolen car. Now there is a conference with juvenile and juvenile court. (Fourth contact with police—1st contact with juvenile court. No services provided.)

Four (4) months later, same juvenile detained for Agg Burglary. Video and full confession. He is now 17 years old. We have to file intent to transfer because there is not enough time to provide meaningful services before he turns 18. **With JAC**—Assessments would have occurred on day 1-- ---2 years ago and before juvenile had 4 contacts with police, 2 contacts with probation and 1 contact with Juv Court Judge. Now this juvenile is facing adult treatment because we have been left with no choice. And again, we might have been able to prevent an Agg Burglary.

There are also hundreds of cases each year involving Juveniles beating up their parents. They are charged with DV and detained because there is no other option. **With JAC—assessment could be done and juvenile sent somewhere to cool off and family counseling/ anger management could be provided.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you need more or different information.

Amy

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